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Partial Closure to Goat Hunting on the Chilkat Range from Endicott River south to Lynn Sisters

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas announce an early closure to the mountain goat hunting season under the state registration permit hunt RG015, for that portion of Unit 1(C) on the eastern slopes of the Chilkat Range south of the Endicott River south to a line from Lynn Sisters west to the Glacier National Park boundary and the mouth of the Excursion River.

Based on aerial survey information collected in October 2015 a guideline harvest of 3 points (male goat=1 point & female goat=2 points) was established for this zone of the RG015 hunt area. As of Wednesday, October 12, 2016, the reported harvest is 1 male and 1 female goat for a total of 3 points. Due to the vulnerability of goat in the area and because the guideline harvest has been met, managers consider it necessary to close this season early to prevent additional harvest in the area described above.

An Emergency Order (01-20-16) was issued that closes the mountain goat season in this area on Friday, October 14, 2016@ 11:59 pm.

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 1(C) remain unchanged and are not affected by this Emergency Order.

Please call the Douglas Area office at (907) 465-4265 for more information.

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